



draft MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD

7506 E. Indian School Road

Scottsdale, Arizona

Wednesday, January 15, 2003

5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Daniel Basinger, Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board to order at 5:40 p.m. The presence of a quorum was noted. Chair Basinger advised the Board that Board Member Rampelt had resigned due to time constraints

Members Present: Daniel Basinger, Board Chair
Don Manthe, Vice Chair
Michele Cohen
Lynn Ashby
Michael Mulroy
Randy Nussbaum

City Staff Present: Larry Person
Chuck Skidmore
Bob Cafarella
Anthony Floyd

Guests Present: Bodo Diehn

2. Approval of 12/18/02 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Person corrected Dave Johnson's name on page 4 of the minutes to Dave Jones. Vice Chair Manthe moved to approve the minutes for the 12/18/02

meeting as corrected. Board Member Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a vote of (6-0).

3. Old Business

- Green Building Report

Chair Basinger noted that Mr. Hand was unable to attend this evening's meeting. He reported that Board Member Mulroy had attended the previous Green Building Committee meeting, and asked for his comments. Board Member Mulroy stated that he was impressed with the size of the group and the input from the attendees. He also applauded the Remodeling Guidelines presented at the meeting and described them as being comprehensive and very easy to read. Board Member Mulroy remarked that the only downside was that the number of permits issued for green building had fallen short of what was anticipated.

Mr. Floyd explained that "green building" was not on the title page for the remodeling guidelines, as it was felt that buy in from other departments was important in implementation of the guidelines. He also pointed out that the numbers for permits issued were being reviewed, as several discrepancies had been found. He went on to report that the Green Building Lecture Series was continuing and that a Solar Lecture Series had been added as well. Mr. Floyd stated that the Green Building Expo was being planned for October 3 and 4, 2003 at Phoenix City Plaza.

Discussion ensued as to the causes for the slow down in the growth of the green building program. Mr. Floyd explained the integration of green building into the City's inspection program, and reported on several potential new avenues for green development. There was further discussion as to outreach and marketing the program, and modifications that might be made to make the program friendlier to production builders.

4. New Business

- McDowell Sonoran Preserve Update

Mr. Cafarella provided the Board with the background and history of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. He commented on the .2 percent sales tax instituted in 1995 based on a recommendation by the citizen-driven Commission to buy land for the Preserve. The Preserve now covers 36,400 acres, and is protected by the Preserve Ordinance, which puts extreme limitations on the use of the land.

Mr. Cafarella went on to discuss the boundaries with State Trust Lands and reclassification of that land as suitable for conservation. He talked about plans to fund the acquisition of land in the expanded boundary area. He discussed the issues of access and the need to balance the wishes of the public with regard to recreation with the protection of the Preserve and Preserve neighbors.

Board Member Ashby commented on the importance of protecting the Preserve as a major wildlife corridor and being cognizant of the implications of transmission lines and cell phone towers on wildlife. There was further discussion as to vehicular access, which is prohibited on Preserve lands, and enforcement issues. Mr. Cafarella also commented on the tenuous position of the County land bordering the Preserve.

- Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Board Member Ashby conducted this agenda item. She noted that Chair Basinger and Vice Chair Manthe had agreed to serve another year in their respective capacities on the Board. Board Member Nussbaum moved to appoint Board Member Basinger and Board Member Manthe by acclamation. Board Member Mulroy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0 with two abstentions.

Mr. Diehn recommended a resolution by the Board thanking the two officers for their service. Board Member Nussbaum moved to draft a resolution thanking Chair Basinger and Vice Chair Manthe for their hard work and dedication over the last year. Second by Board Member Mulroy. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0, with two abstentions. Mr. Person stated that he would draft the resolution for presentation at the next meeting.

5. Updates and Reminders.

- ESLO Guidelines

Vice Chair Manthe requested clarification on the ESLO changes being discussed at several public meetings, and why the EQAB had not been included. Mr. Person replied that it was his understanding that the changes were not substantive in nature, but that he would request an executive summary of the direction the ESLO discussions are taking for presentation to the Board. The Board Members could then make a

decision about the significance of the changes and the desired level of EQAB involvement.

- TV PSAs

Chair Basinger asked for direction from the Board as to future PSAs. He suggested four or five spots, targeting such issues as recycling, green building, and water conservation, to be aired on Channel 11. He added that the Board could receive some exposure in addition to the public service purpose. Various methods were discussed to advance environmental principles in the community. Videotaping portions of Household Hazardous Waste Day and other events that the EQAB is involved in was suggested. Mr. Person suggested a possible collaboration with Citizen Neighborhood Resources on their Earth Day Event.

Mr. Floyd outlined the video currently being produced for the Green Building Program. He explained that the first of three segments features comments by Committee members about green building and one-on-one interviews. He added that the second segment would highlight the Expo, and the third would feature job sites, while interviewing homeowners and builders.

Chair Basinger reminded the Board Members that the next Household Hazardous Waste Day was on Saturday, and asked for volunteers from the Board.

Chair Basinger announced that Vice-Chair Manthe's term would expire at the end of the month, and that he had reapplied for another term. He noted that another position remained to be filled with the resignation of Board Member Rampelt. He distributed the applications received for Board and Commission vacancies to the Board Members for their review. Upon review and discussion of the applications, the Board selected three individuals for recommendation to City Council. Board Member Nussbaum moved to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Don Manthe, and consideration of the appointment of candidates Kristina Guthrie, Brian Munson, and Ron Hand as the three choices of the EQAB. Board Member Ashby seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Chair Basinger indicated that he would forward the recommendations to the Mayor and Council.

6. Public Comment

There were no public comments forthcoming.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Swanberg
Court Reporter